

JERU THE DAMAJA – POWER LYRICS

we're going to talk about the image of black men in our society
control their history
black men are six times more likely than white men to be murder victims
control their images
they're two and a half times more likely to be unemployed
don't teach them who they are
they finish last in practically every socioeconomic measure from infant mortality to life expectancy
whoever controls the mind, will also control the body

sometimes i question, why i even gave a f+ck
i look back young, black, proud and so fed up
my mental state it's obvious that the system's corrupt
cause some commotion and maybe we could shake it up
but now i realize i wasn't mentally mature enough
how the saying go a little knowledge can be dangerous
though things have changed the power still remains in us
so don't let the pain leave you acrimonious
black, white, yellow, brown they're all social constructs
created to separate, so now hate is the by-product
in '85 the fbi flooded the hood with product
because of that a lot of cats grew up with no fathers
cointelpro to stop the global expansion
excuse me if i don't sing the national anthem
now i write rhymes as i cool in my mansion
unity's the enemy that's why they murdered fred hampton
power to the people
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i am a revolutionary

let's talk about the image of the black man in america

i often ponder, do people even give a f+ck
and wonder why children don't hate, is compassion innate
how we choose malevolence over let's correlate
thinking that we're unlike, but in fact cognate
unity makes it difficult to subjugate
in the abundance of water make sure you hydrate

i've been laying low but still the underground advocate
the choice is yours, devil or god incarnate
good or bad people make the world rotate
bad or good, it's the point of view that you take
some give and some just take
some people are real and others are just fake
wait, what's true what's false, sometimes it's misconstrued
pay attention, be alert, show gratitude
throughout my travels i've learned one thing
unity's the enemy that's why they killed dr. king baby
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and if people had been educated they would understand that we don't hate white people, we
hate the oppressor whether he be white, black, brown or yellow

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